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Anonymous tip leads to pot arrest

Riverside, CA -- Acting on an anonymous tip supplied to the Office of the Chief, Riverside Police confiscated marijuana growing in two residential backyards and arrested a man for cultivation.

On Monday morning, August 11, 2008, Riverside Police received an anonymous tip through the RPD website: www.rpdonline.org, clicking on a link in the left-hand side main page menu. A citizen reported suspected marijuana-growing operations in the backyard of a vacant foreclosed home in the 2800-block of Tropicana Drive.

Responding Central Neighborhood Policing Center (NPC) personnel were able to see the top of the plants, up to six feet tall, from the sidewalk. Officers received permission from the listing real estate agent to search the property, where officers and detectives found 53 mature marijuana plants.

During the investigation, Police discovered signs that a neighbor appeared to have been climbing the fence and cultivating the crop. From an upper window of the foreclosed home, Police could see evidence of drying marijuana plants in the neighboring yard.

From the neighboring residence, Central NPC Police confiscated a bushel of marijuana, 15 drying plants, and seven potted marijuana plants. The longtime resident, David Erik HUNSAKER, 37, was arrested on charges of cultivating marijuana on Monday afternoon.

In addition to the emergency 911 calls, and the Riverside Dispatch non-emergency phone number (951) 787-7911 to report crime, residents are reminded that there is an anonymous tip line for reports via the Internet at: www.rpdonline.org, or by dialing the national We Tip hotline: 1-800-78-CRIME.

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